CHAPTER NO. 899

SENATE BILL NO. 1882

By Davis

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1840

By Ferguson, Brenda Turner

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 51, relative to student identification.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 51, is amended by adding the following new section:

Section 49-6-5106. All students shall be enrolled in the name that appears on their certificate of live birth, or certificate of birth by adoption, if such adoption occurs prior to the child's entrance into school, and students shall be known by such lawful name in all facets of school records, report cards, student testing and any school activities. Name changes due to marriage of a student will be entered on the student's record upon receipt of a marriage certificate. Court-ordered name changes will be entered on the student's record upon receipt of the appropriate court document.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, but shall apply beginning with the 2000-2001 school year, unless a child enrolls as a new student or transfers to another LEA during the current school year.

PASSED: June 9, 2000

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 19th day of June 2000

DON SONOTUIST GOVERNOR